

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated October 24, 2006, claims 25, 26, 36 and 37 were identified as containing allowable subject matter. Without acquiescing in the rejections of the other claims, the subject matter of claim 25 has been incorporated into claim 1, and the subject matter of claim 36 has been incorporated into claim 33. Claims 26 and 37 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 27, 28 and 41-48 have been canceled, to permit a patent to issue on the subject matter currently indicated to be allowable.

This action is being taken without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the rejected claims in a continuing application.

Respectfully submitted,

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